

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, August 5, 1729.

From the Daily Post-Boy, July 29.

Paris, Aug. 3.

THE Cardinal de Fleury having been chosen *Provisor* (or Chancellor) of Sorbonne, in an Assembly holden for that Purpose the 28th of May last, in the Church belonging to that House, and composed of 32 Doctors; the Assembly desired Mr. Levillier the senior Doctor, to write a Letter to his Eminency, to acquaint him with his Election, and intreat him to accept of the Office. This Request the Cardinal not only complied with, but was pleased to write the Doctor the following Answer to his Letter.

NO body can be more sensible than my self, Sir, of the Honour the House of Sorbonne have done me, in choosing me their *Provisor*; and the Unanimity of their Choice of me to fill a Place of that Distinction, which I never once dreamed of, is no small Addition to the Pleasure of such a Mark of Esteem and Consideration, as your Illustrious Body has been pleased to give me. There are among them Persons so valuable in all Respects, that their Choice had met with a more general Approbation, if it had fallen upon one of their own Members. Could I have foreseen the Happiness they design'd me, I should have earnestly desired you to cast your Eyes upon one more capable than my self of answering your Views, and more at Leisure now and then to appear in your Assemblies. I should take a singular Delight in so doing, as well on account of the Improvement I should receive, as to shew the particular Esteem I have for a House that does so much Honour to the Faculty, and, I will not scruple to say, to the Kingdom. If my Affairs deprive me of this Advantage, I beg you to assure all your Brethren, that though I may not be furnished with all the Talents proper for such a Place, I will at least endeavour to make my self worthy of it, by my Zeal to do every thing conducive to their Interests, and by the most passionate Desire to render my self useful to them. I leave it to you, Sir, to make a Tender of my highest Acknowledgment to all your Gentlemen, and to assure them of the particular

Esteem with which I profess to honour them.

On the 15th of June, the Ten senior Doctors of the House of Sorbonne went to Versailles, with the Bishops of St. Omer and Brieu, to thank his Eminency for his Goodness in accepting the Place of their *Provisor*; when the senior Doctor made him the following Speech.

My Lord,

FULL of the most grateful Sentiments for your Goodness in accepting the Place we took the Liberty to offer to your Eminency, we appear before you to return you our most humble Thanks for the same. The greatest Men both in Church and State have not, 'tis true, thought that Title beneath them. They have even reckon'd it an Honour to them; and that Dignity receives a new Lustre from you, in regard of the high Rank to which the King's prudent Choice and wise Discernment have rais'd you.

Successor to the Great Armand de Richelieu in the most important of Ministries, you imitate that illustrious Cardinal in your Love and Benevolence to Men of Learning, and particularly to the House of Sorbonne, who dedicate their Lucubrations to the most sublime of all the Sciences, and to preserve the Purity of Faith and Doctrine. What Protection have they not already received from your Eminency, and may yet expect to receive, for the sure and strict Maintenance of their ancient Discipline, and of that noble Simplicity they received from their Ancestors! But our Views are not confin'd to the private Advantages of a Society which has the Happiness to have you for their Head: They are more extensive. Your great Object is the publick Welfare, the Prosperity of the People, the Tranquillity of Nations, the Establishment of Peace in Europe, the ceasing of the Divisions that rend the Church, and an Unity of Hearts and Minds in one and the same Belief: These, *My Lord*, are the Views you propose to your self; these the Fruits we shall reap from your wise Administration, and from those great Principles of Religion, Justice, Goodness

ness and Moderation, with which you inspired our Monarch in his most tender Infancy; a sure Presage of one of the most glorious and most happy Reigns that ever was.

What a fine Thing is it, *My Lord*, that you have gain'd the Confidence of foreign Powers; and to see them rest their Concerns upon your Eminency's Honesty and Integrity! How great is it, to give the Ministers to come, Examples of so rare a Disinterestedness, and to desire no other Recompence for all the good you can do, than the Glory, the Pleasure, and the Joy of making Men happy!

As for us, *My Lord*; While all Europe rings of your Praises, and the People load you with their Blessings, we shall content our selves with silently admiring all these Wonders, with blessing the Author of every perfect Gift, and with offering up to GOD our most fervent Prayers, that he will always multiply in you the Riches of his Grace, and prolong a Life so useful to the Glory both of Church and State.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, July 31.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.

Yesterday the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Baron Thompson the Recorder, sate at Guildhall to discharge Prisoners. The several Persons that were Prisoners within the Walls of the Fleet, to the Number of 30, against whom an Opposition was the Wednesday before made, were first brought into Court. Amongst the rest was John Black a Quaker, charged in Execution for 2000 l. but 500 l. not appearing to remain due, he was discharged. John Everard, who was charged with above 500 l. for criminal Conversation with the Wife of Mr. Clifton, a Mercer near Aldgate, was remanded back again, the Court declaring his Case not to be within the Act: And the Plaintiff chose rather to allow him 3 s. 6 d. a week, than let him loose. Two Persons charged with Execution, one for 2000 l. and the other for 45000 l. at the Suit of the late eminent Ranger of Hyde Park, were discharged, no Opposition being made against them. And the Court, after a long Hearing of Capt. Sinclair's Affair, recommended it to his Creditors, that he should schedule his Commission; which he complied with, and so got his Discharge.

Last Week died Sir Clobery Holt at his Seat at Ashton in Warwickshire, leaving 2 Sons and a fine Estate for them, and a large Jointure to his Lady.

And about the same time died John Keck Esq; at his Seat in Berkshire, leaving an Estate said to be worth 300,000 l. to distant Relations, having no Issue. Sir Charles Payne of the Island of St. Christopher's, has sent a large beautiful Bird called a Flamingo for the Rt. Hon. the Lord Townshend; 'tis said there never has been but 2 of them brought to England before. Tuesday last Sir William Yonge and his Lady arrived at Portsmouth, where they reviewed the Fleet, and were entertained at Dinner by Sir Charles Wager on board the *Cornwall*.

Touching the pacific Negotiations, we are informed by a Letter from Spain of the 29th Instant, arrived by way of Holland, that most People there are still of Opinion that they would be soon brought to a happy Conclusion; and the private Letters from Spain say the like, and add, That they have begun to deliver the Merchandizes brought by the Galleons, and that the loading of the Flotilla for New Spain went forward with good Success.

The Letters from Paris of the 6th August N. S. which came by the French Mail, advise, That they have placed over the Chimney of the Hall at Versailles, a fine Picture, 30 Foot high, done by Le Moine, representing the King giving Peace to Europe, and commanding Mercury to shut the Temple of Janus, the Gates whereof a Fury is forcing open. There is likewise the Attributes of Peace, viz. Fertility, Plenty, &c.

We are told that the K. of Sweden has not only accommodated all Differences betwixt him and the Czar of Moscow, but likewise made an End of those betwixt him and the K. of Poland, by Letters, without any Mediation.

A good Understanding betwixt the Courts of Hanover and Berlin is far advanced.

P. S. Our Merchants private Letters by the French Mail from Cadix advise, that their Cath. Majesties were still at Port St. Mary's, that the Fleet continues in the Bay, and that neither Merchandizes nor Treasure brought by the Galleons were yet delivered; however they had strong hopes of a speedy Peace.

Sir Robert Walpole is to act as principal Secretary of State during his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's being at his Seat in Sussex.

There is a private Letter which says K. Stanislaus is dangerously ill.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, July 31.

London, July 31. 'Tis talk'd that some time next Week

Week the Court will remove to Richmond for about a Fourtnight.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Londonderry, Governor of the Leeward Islands, has not exchanged his Regiment of Foot for the Regiment lately commanded by Col. Lucas, as has been reported, the said Regiment not being yet disposed of.

At the Assizes at Salisbury, Mr. Grant, Steward to Sir James How, was tried for the Murder of a Butcher, and found Guilty. During the Trial, the Populace rose and were very turbulent, lest he should be acquitted; insomuch that the Lord Mayor was obliged to have the Proclamation against Rioters read three Times before they were dispersed.

Last Tuesday the Hon. Mr. Baron Thompson, Recorder of the City, tried a Cause at Guildhall, between an Apprentice and his Master Matthew Parry, an Upholster, upon a Petition of the said Apprentice to the Court of Aldermen to be discharged from his Indenture, setting forth for Cause, That his said Master, between 2 or 3 Years ago, became a Bankrupt, and ever since has work'd privately in a Room up one Pair of Stairs, and has not had Business enough to instruct an Apprentice, so as to answer the full Intent of his Indentures. But it being proved that his Master was an honest Man, and every Day growing in Business, and that his old Customers still continued to employ him; the Jury gave their Verdict, That the Indentures ought not to be forfeited, and that the Misfortunes of the Master ought not to deprive him of the Servitude of his Apprentice.

From the London Evening-Post, July 31.

Stockholm, July 18. The King has sent Orders to Count Meyerfield, Governor General of the Swedish Pomerania, to raise seven thousand Men new Troops, to increase the Number of those that are quartered in that Province. The 11th Inst. there happened such a terrible Storm, that many Vessels perished in the Gulph of Bothnia, which has been a very considerable Loss to the trading Part of this Kingdom, because the Vessels having bulged on the Rocks, were all in Pieces at once, so that it was not possible to save either the Mariners or any of their Goods. We are also in fear that several Ships that were expected from Finland have been caught in this Storm.

Hanover, Aug. 2. This Day at Noon the King returned to Herenhausen in perfect Health.

Paris, Aug. 6. The 2d of this Month Cardinal

Flsury gave a splendid Dinner at Versailles to all the Foreign Ministers.

Copenhagen, July 24. The King having been informed that a certain Foreign Minister who resides at Hamburg, has advanced considerable Sums of Money to the Duke of Holstein Retswich, by way of Mortgage, on the Bailiwick so called, with Design to possess himself of it, his Danish Majesty has taken the necessary Measures to prevent it. The Duke of Holstein Norbourg is lately arrived here.

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 5.

Rome, July 16. On Monday last several Roman Ladies went to compliment the Princess Clementine Sobieski on her happy Return to this City, and were very graciously received by her.

Florence, July 16. 'Tis reported here, that the King of Sardinia and the Republick of Genoa have requested the King of France, to comprmise the Differences subsisting between them, by way of Mediation.

From the Evening Post, July 31.

London, July 31. This Morning Admiral Steward set out for Portsmouth, to go on board the Lyon Man of War, to sail furthwith to Jamaica, to take upon him the Command of his Majesty's Squadron in the W. Indies.

Last Monday an Eclipse of the Moon began at 15 Minutes after 11, and at 1 a-clock on Tuesday Morning the Moon's Body was quite dark, and continued so an Hour and 36 Minutes. Her Majesty was all the while in her Green-house in Kensington Gardens, and viewed the same through a Telescope.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 101, 5 8ths.

Cork, July 15, 1729.

Sir,

I Have duly received your Favour of the 24th ult. and observe its Contents. I find it very difficult to dispose of your Linen; the Sale is very bad, occasioned by the Scarcity of Bread-Corn, so as I never knew the like in my Life. Your Sort of Linen is only worn by the poorer Sort of People, and it is now a Happiness if they can get Money to buy Bread. Was it not for a Ship from New England, which was bound for Dublin, laden with Flower, and accidentally put in here, having the Owner on board, and thought best to dispose of his Cargo here; I say, had it not been for this accident, I doubt not but Wheat would be at 6



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Shillings per Peck in 12 Days time : For last Saturday Wheat was sold in the Market at 4 sh. 6 d. per Peck, and but indifferent Corn: And William Ogan received a few Casks of Flower from ----- which he sold at 22 sh. per Cask, altho' lowre. The poor People buy Rice at Twopence halfpenny per Pound, for they cannot get Oat Meal or Potatoes. In short, the Poor are starving for Want. Our Parish has led the Van, by subscribing 100 l. sterling to relieve the poor House keepers. The Bishop of Cork has paid 100 l. sterl. for Relief of poor House-keepers, and will pay out 50 l. sterl. a week while the Scarcity continues. He has also some Beeves, of which he will kill one per Week, to give to the Poor, besides other Charities too tedious here to mention. However, the Flower in the New-England Ships is sold at 16 sh. per Cent. which will be great Relief to the City till new Wheat comes in.

Brigadier-General Churchill is gone down to York Races, and will proceed from thence to his Regiment in Scotland.

Haddington, Aug. 1, 1729.

Best Wheat,	12 02 00.	2d, 12 00 00.	3d, 11 06 00
Best Bear,	09 01 00.	2d, 08 14 00.	3d, 08 10 00
Best Oats,	09 00 00.	2d, 08 14 00.	3d, 08 10 00
Best Pease,	09 02 00.	2d, 08 16 00.	3d, 08 10 00

Edinburgh, Aug. 5. A Marriage is on foot, and will shortly be consummate, betwixt the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore, and a Daughter of the Honourable my Lord Grange, one of the Senators of the College of Justice.

This Day (being the 22d of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 7 o' Clock, 6 Min. Tomorrow, at 7, 54 Min. Last Quarter of the Moon this Afternoon at 4.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

There is to be sold, as formerly, at the Brick and Tile Work Manufactory in Prestonpans, all Sorts of good sufficient Pantiles, as also all Sorts and Sizes of Bricks, Pavements, Chimney-backs, at very easy and reasonable Rates.

By Order of the Trustees of the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS of GLENBERVY and ROBERT DOUGLAS of SCOTSCRAIG,

The Roup and Sale of the Lands and Estate of SCOTSCRAIG, FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the Eleventh of November next, within the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner, Edinburgh, 'twixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of WILLIAM FORBES Writer to the Signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

That the Mansion-house of WEST-PANS, at the East-end of Musselburgh-links, consisting of 6 Fire-rooms,

two Closets, besides Garrets, with 7 Cellars or Salt Glenels, and a Yard consisting of 3 Quarters of an Acre, well inclosed with a strong high Stone Dike, as also a double Dovecoat, with some Rocks and Bucket-pots for building of Salt pans, a White-stone Quarrey within the Yard, and several other Conveniencies; all holding Feu of the Town of Musselburgh, for Payment of Six Shillings and eight Pennies Scots yearly; ARE to be Settle or Sold, by way of voluntary Roup, on Saturday next the 9th Inst. at 2 o' Clock after Noon, in the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh. The Conditions of the Roup and Progress of the Writs, to be seen in the Hands of Archbald Tod Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Craig's Close. Any who has a mind to see the House, &c. may call for James Gray Salt-Officer at West-pans, or Thomas Forrest Weaver there, who will show them the same.

That the West Mains of DUDINGTON in the Parish of Duddington and Shire of Edinburgh, of 459 Merks of yearly Rent, holding Feu of the Crown, and two Thirds of it inclos'd; With the Fourth Storey above the Shops on the South-side of the Plat of PATERSON's LAND, alias *Deacon Scott's Land*, in the Parliament-close, with Two Rooms at the Top of the Stair, a Garret, a little dark Room and Two Cellars, of 600 Merks yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed separately to Sale by a voluntary Roup, in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, on Friday the 15th of August Inst. at 3 o' Clock after Noon. The Progress is to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Hugh Sommervell Writer to the Signet, at his House on the North-side of the Street, a little below the Cross, Edinburgh.

Advertisement from the Trustees of MERCHISTON, BLAIR and LETHEM.

The TRUSTEES having prepared all things for a Sale of the Lands of Merchiston, resolve, That the Ranking shall be immediately finished, that so a Dividend may be made without Delay, when the Money comes to be paid: This is therefore to advertise all the Creditors of the respective common Debtors, that they forthwith Depone before the ARBITERS upon the Verity of their Debts; and for that Purpose, Attendance will be given by the Arbiters in John's Coffeehouse, upon each Friday and Wednesday in the Week (betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Afternoon) till the Middle of August, for taking the Creditors Oaths; who are intreated to come in speedily for that purpose, that so their own Affairs may not be prolonged. Such as cannot come in, may apply to the Arbiters, by their Doers, for a Commission; which will be granted, if they shew a reasonable Cause or Impediment why they cannot come in to depone at Edinburgh.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

There is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of Robert Biggar Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th August Inst. at 3 a clock in the Afternoon, the Lands and Barony of *Newton of Falkland*, lying in the Shire of Fife, holding Feu of the Crown, paying yearly 82 Bolls 2 Firlots 2 Pecks Bear, 32 Bolls Oats, and 529 L. 12 sh. 6 d. Scots of free Rent, after all Deductions. The said Lands are to be sold jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of John Russell of Braidshaw, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber opposite to the Cross well; likewise in the Hands of Thomas Aijon Writer in Glentarchie.